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In re Application of : Richardson, Wainy :  
Serial No. : 10/091,270 : Art Unit No. 6422  
Filing Date : March 5, 2002 : Examiner: Merek, J.  
Docket NO. : 1000-1122 : Paper No. 5  
Invention Title: **Front-loading utility basket with an extendable handle**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated February 12, 2003, Applicant elects what has been identified in the Office Action as the species represented "Group B, Subgroup b" for prosecution as required under 35 U.S.C 121. Group B was identified as being represented by Figs. 7-10 in the application, and Subgroup b is identified as being represented by Fig. 10.

Claims 1, 6 and 8-14, 15, 17-19 and 20 are readable on the species elected by Applicants.

Applicant is submitting a check for \$55 required for a one month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) because the present response is being submitted within the fourth month following the date of the Office Action.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicant's representative at (214) 219-0500 during prosecution of the application if it will help expedite the case.

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